

Buffalo, Oct. 28, 1864.

My dear Gray:

Very many thanks for your kind, good letter, just rec^d. I am very much troubled about many things just now - even as to how to live, prices here so risen, which my salary does not. Then I hold a Court week after next. Next week I must run down to New York to reclaim my wife & daughter, who are there on a visit, & bring them right back. Then I must look over my collections, & sift out what I want to take to you. Then, before going, I want to visit Foster's Flat & dig for you roots of *Trillium grandiflorum* & *Polygonum canad.* So that the when I can come to you - and I long to - is a matter of uncertainty. But sure I will - if possible - and will advise you tenderly, beforehand.

I have not heard ~~from~~ of the Black-
mum, nor from Mr. Sayer, yet.

I am very glad that you &
Imey had such a nice time.

I have ^{not} been able to do much of
late.

Pennsylvania, as you are aware,
took advantage of the simplicity of
the States, and continued to grab a
narrow strip of territory, running
from her proper self, to Lake Erie,
and so embraces Erie, with its
Fine Bay and the Peninsula (Presque
Isle) that makes the Bay. Long
ago, I volunteered a promise to
Prof. Porter, to visit Erie, this season,
and add something to his ~~list~~ the
materials he has for a Catalogue
of the Plants of Pennsylvania -
I was unable to perform that promise
until last Monday - and gave a
day & a half to exploring. If I correctly
interpreted the ~~sketch~~ list he

sent me, I have added 14 species to
his materials, & sent him specimens -
4 from the City, 10 from the Peninsula.
Among them was *Asclepias Cornuti* - as
to which I apprehend there must be
some mistake. The only notable
~~things~~ ^{additions} I found on the Peninsula, are
Nyssa sericea, & *Lebanum-grassia arenaria*,
- both new to me, though credited to
Lake Erie I think.

I believe I must ^{have found} you that *Zornia*
chellia near Liverpool - It has, since,
been found at Buffalo - & is, probably,
common in the interior - at least in
the waters connected with the great
Chain of Lakes.

Yours ever,

L. W. Christy.

Prof. Asa Gray.